

Wagoner County  
**COUNTY CLERK**



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*FROM THE CLERK*

At last our County Budget has been completed and approved by the Board of Commissioners and the Excise Board. The budget is online on the County Website and any additional adjustments or appropriations to individual departmental accounts have been made. Thank you to all for your assistance this year making the budget a seamless process.

As many of you already know, the Office of the State Auditor and Inspector has had several of its members at the County during the last couple of weeks. They are in the process of completing audits for 2009-2012. We are looking forward to their findings and recommendations how we can better serve the county and will publish the audits online as quickly as we receive them.

Finally, as we did last year, the Courthouse will begin its annual Food Drive to benefit our Community Food Banks in November. Our food pantries are desperately low and we are proud to help them with their efforts. As you do your shopping for your Thanksgiving meal, please remember those less fortunate in our area and bring some items to donate.

*Lori Hendricks*

**Special points of Interest:**

Dist #3  
 "Trash-Off Day"  
 Nov 3rd  
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 Wellness/Ins.  
 Meeting

Forgiving is a choice. It is a gift given to someone who doesn't deserve it....Also keep in mind that we have no right to demand that others forgive us simply because we have asked for forgiveness .



Wagoner County—Growing from Good" to Great"!

**REMEMBER THESE HOLIDAYS:  
MONDAY NOV. 12TH —VETERAN’S DAY  
NOV. 22ND AND 23RD—THANKSGIVING DAY**

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**A MESSAGE FROM DYAN AND KRISTI (HR).....**

**Please have your representative attend the Wellness Committee/Insurance Meeting 11-08-2012. Topics will be INSURANCE RATES and upcoming INSURANCE OPTION PERIOD.**

**P.S. HUMAN RESOURCES REQUEST THAT EACH EMPLOYEE FILL OUT A NEW W-4 FROM ANNUALLY SO THAT ALL INFORMATION IS CURRENT.**

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**DISTRICT THREE “TRASH OFF” DAY**

District 3 will observe “Trash off” day on Sat. Nov. 3th from 8:30a.m.—3:00p.m. at 16507 So. 305th East Ave. in Coweta. There will be a large dumpster for household and other items. Used car and truck tires will also be accepted (free drop off). PLEASE... NO Tire Dealers, NO Tires with rims, NO large agricultural/off road tires, NO Hazardous waste such as paint, etc.



For more information on restrictions as to what can and cannot be dropped off contact Shoni Johnson at 918-486-2132

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME  
ENDS NOVEMBER 4TH !!**



## THANKSGIVING



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Thanksgiving was created by the Pilgrims. The first Thanksgiving started in 1621. During that time, the Pilgrims came to America and settled to live here and made homes. They celebrated the first Thanksgiving because they wanted to give thanks and appreciation for making it through the long journey. They were happy and shared the feast with Wampanoag Indians. There were sports, games, food, dancing, singing, and revelry. They prepared foods such as venison and fowl.

## NOVEMBER TRIVIA

- Abraham Lincoln issued a 'Thanksgiving Proclamation' on October 3, 1863 and officially set aside the last Thursday of November as the national day for Thanksgiving.
- President Franklin D. Roosevelt restored Thursday before last of November as Thanksgiving Day in 1939. He did this in part to make the Christmas shopping season longer and thus stimulate the U.S. economy because we were in a great depression.
- The infamous American Dust Bowls swept across western America in the 1930's and hit especially hard in November of 1933.
- On Nov. 18, 1978, in Jonestown, Guyana, more than 900 members of the Peoples Temple cult, led by Rev. Jim Jones, an American evangelist, committed suicide by drinking poisoned punch he ordered them to consume.
- In November of 1942, the minimum draft age is changed from 21 to 18 as a result of World War II.
- U S President Abraham Lincoln gave a famous speech in November 1863 that became known as The Gettysburg Address.
- World War I ended on the 11th day of the 11th month (November) at 11PM, in 1918.
- The infamous Berlin Wall began to come down on November 9, 1989.
- November 18th, 1963 Bell Telephone Company introduced to the public the push button phone.
- The flower that represents November is the Chrysanthemum.

**HEALTH TIPS.....Take a walk!**

In late adulthood, the brain region responsible for forming some types of memories—the hippocampus—shrinks 1% to 2% annually, leading to memory problems and an increased risk for dementia. Regular aerobic exercise encourages the growth of new brain cells there, even if the workouts aren't strenuous. In a trial published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, older adults were asked to either exercise or stretch. The exercisers started with 10-minute walking sessions,

extending them by 5 minutes each week until they walked for 40 minutes, three times a week. Over a year, their hippocampal volume increased by 2% on MRI brain scans, reversing age-related loss by one to two years and improving memory. Those who stretched showed a decrease in hippocampal volume. Aim for at least 30 minutes a day, five days a week, of moderate-intensity aerobic exercise, such as brisk walking or biking.

*(Contributed by Frankie Moore from Consumer Reports)*



**COUNTY CLERK SAFETY TRAINING**

Just a reminder—The County Clerk Adm.offices and Land Records will be closed one day of every month from 8:00am—9:00am for safety classes beginning **02/06/13**.

**Next Safety Meeting—02/06/13-Sexual Harassment**

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# CALENDAR



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| Nov 05 | Comm Mtg |                         |
| Nov 13 | Comm Mtg | Nov 07 Excise Board Mtg |
| Nov 19 | Comm Mtg | Nov 27 Excise Board Mtg |
| Nov 26 | Comm Mtg |                         |

## WELLNESS COMMITTEE/INSURANCE MEETING

(At 9:00a.m. in Courtroom #3 )

NOVEMBER 8, 2012

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*A MESSAGE FROM CHAR.....*  
*PLEASE ENJOY THIS NOV ISSUE!*  
*IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO*  
*CONTRIBUTE TO THE*  
*DECEMBER ISSUE,*  
*PLEASE LET ME*  
*KNOW.....CHAR*

### MISSION A MATTER OF RIGHT

"A popular Government, without popular information, or the means of acquiring it, is but a Prologue to a Farce or a Tragedy; or perhaps both. Knowledge will forever govern ignorance: And a people who mean to be their own Governors, must arm themselves with the power which knowledge gives."

- James Madison